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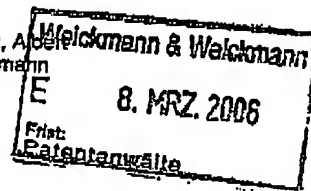
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Translation**PATENT COOPERATION TREATY****PCT****INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY**
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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC		
Applicant CONSTRUCTION RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY GMBH		

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY		International Application No. PCT/EP2004/003480
Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability, citations and explanations supporting such statement	
1. Statement		
Novelty (N)	Claims 23-39	YES
	Claims 1-22	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 23-39	YES
	Claims 1-22	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-39	YES
	Claims	NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)		
<p>1. The present report refers to the following documents:</p> <p>D1: DE 101 22 444 A (BAYER AG) 14 November 2002 (2002-11-14)</p> <p>D2: EP 0 595 149 A (BAYER AG) 4 May 1994 (1994-05-04)</p> <p>D3: DE 26 51 505 A (BAYER AG) 24 May 1978 (1978-05-24)</p> <p>2. Claims 1-22 of the present application describe aqueous polyurethane resins that are defined by the method by which they are produced. Firstly, a hydrophilic macromonomer (A) (ii) is prepared by reaction of a hydrophilic alkyl- or arylpolyalkylene glycol with a polyisocyanate (step a1), and this pre-adduct from a1 is then reacted with an isocyanate-reactive compound C) to form said macromonomer (A) (ii). The macromonomer (A), which is characterised by a monomodal molar mass distribution, is processed in a series of further reactions to form a polyurethane dispersion, wherein initially, an NCO prepolymer is formed from the macromonomer (A) (ii) and</p>		

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polyisocyanate (step b1) and in further steps b2 to b6, this NCO prepolymer is reacted with a polymer polyol, chain extenders (b2) and anionically modified polyol (b3) in a solvent. In the standard manner, these steps are then followed manner by dispersion in water (b4), neutralisation (b5) and chain breakage (b6).

The series of steps b2-b6 represents the classical procedure for producing anionic/hydrophiled aqueous polyurethane dispersions, such as is described for example in D1-D3. In contrast to the teaching of these publications, first the macromonomer (A) (ii) is produced with narrow molar mass distribution. However, the production of this macromonomer as per example A.1 of the application is comparable to those of the non-ionic-hydrophilic chain extender as per example 1a) of D3. A structural difference can also be identified between these components in the end product. The further processing of the polyurethane dispersion in D3 likewise contains a comparable series of steps to those in the application.

Since the product of claims 1-22 is defined merely by the reaction sequence and not by any macroscopically measurable parameters at all, the question arises as to how a person skilled in the art might distinguish the claimed dispersions from those as per D3, but also those as per D1 and D2, which likewise contain non-ionic, hydrophilic alkylene oxide and also ionic structural elements.

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It is not sufficient to state that the dispersions have a "new kind of polymer structure" or "an even distribution of the hydrophilic centres along the main polymer chain". The fact that the macromonomer (A) (ii) has a narrow molar mass distribution should not be identifiable in the end product, the polyurethane dispersion. The stated optimised distribution between ionic and non-ionic stabilisation and even distribution of these essential structural element is not defined in any way in the claims and thus it is not possible to identify a difference with respect to the cited prior art. Consequently, claims 1-22 are not novel over D1 to D3.

However, novelty can be acknowledged for method claims 23-29 and the use claims 30-39, since none of the citations describes the sequential procedure (b1 to b6) for producing aqueous PU dispersions. The technical problem addressed by the present application can be considered to be the provision of an alternative procedure for producing such dispersions, and this procedure was not obvious from the prior art and thus involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(2) and (3)).